(xiii) Funding of the NHDP Projects under SARDP-NE and in Jammu and Kashmir with Additional Budgetary Support (ABS) over and above the cess that the Government provides to NHAI on a yearly basis.

(xiv) 'In Principle' approval of the Government Support to the NHAI for:-

a. Issuance of Tax exempted bonds.

b. Guarantee cover to the Borrowing Plan of NHAI.

c. Out of the borrowing approval of Rs.30,000 crores earlier provided to Indian Infrastructure Finance Company Limited (IIFCL), Rs.10,000 crores under the fiscal stimulus package will be transferred to NHAI, as per its borrowing requirement.

d. Assistance in negotiating non-sovereign multilateral loans from World Bank, ADB, JBIC etc. by providing back to back support, if necessary.

e. Providing a Letter of Comfort from Ministry of Finance confirming the availability of Cess at least till 2030-31.

Targets for road construction

723. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether road construction targets will be met this year; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI R.P.N. SINGH) : (a) and (b) This Ministry is primarily responsible for the development and maintenance of National Highways only. All other roads fall within the purview of the respective State Government/Union Territory. All efforts are being made to achieve the targets set for construction of National Highways during the current year.

Declaration of roads as National Highway

724. SHRI PENUMALLI MADHU: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of criteria adopted in declaring any road as a National Highway;

(b) the details of National Highways in the country with their length, State-wise;

(c) the details of roads sent by various States for upgradation as National Highways, State-wise, with a particular reference to Andhra Pradesh; and

(d) the action that has been taken in the above proposals by his Ministry so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI R.P.N. SINGH) : (a) An eleven point criteria broadly has been adopted for declaring a road/stretch of State roads into National Highway. Copy of eleven point criteria is given in Statement-I (*See* below).

(b) The details of National Highways in the country with their length, State-wise is given in Statement-II (*See* below).

(c) The details of roads sent by various States for upgradation as National Highways, State-wise, with a particular reference to Andhra Pradesh is given in Statement-III (*See* below).

(d) Expansion of NH network is a continuous process and declaration of new NH is taken up from time to time depending upon requirement of connectivity, *inter-se* priority and availability of funds.

Statement-I

Criteria for declaration of National Highways

1. Roads which run through the length and breadth of the country.
2. Roads connecting adjacent countries.
3. Roads connecting the National Capital with State Capital and roads connecting mutually the State Capitals.
4. Roads connecting major ports, large industrial centers or tourist centers.
5. Roads meeting very important strategic requirements.
6. Arterial roads which enable sizeable reduction in travel distance and achieve substantial economic growth thereby.
7. Roads which help opening up large tracts of backward area and hilly regions.
8. National Highways grid of 100 Km is achieved.
9. The road must be up to the standard laid down for State Highways-both in its technical requirements as well as the land requirements.
10. The road and right of way must be free of any types of encroachment and should be the property of the State Government.
11. The right of way required for the National Highways (preferable 45m, minimum 30m) must be available for acquiring, free of encroachments and the State Government would complete acquiring formalities within six months.

Statement-II

State-wise National Highways and their length in the country

Sl. No.	Name of State	National Highway No.	Total Length
1	2	3	4
1.	Andhra Pradesh	4, 5, 7, 9, 16, 18, 18A, 43, 63, 202, 205, 214, 214A, 219, 221 and 222 and 234	4537

1	2	3	4
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	52, 52A, 153, 229, 52B Ext. and 37 Ext.	1992
3.	Assam	31, 31B, 31C, 36, 37, 37A, 38, 39, 44, 51, 52, 52A, 52B, 53, 54, 61, 62, 151, 152, 153 and 154	2836
4.	Bihar	2, 2C, 19, 28, 28A, 28B, 30, 30A, 31, 57, 57A, 77, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 98, 99, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107 and 110	3642
5.	Chandigarh	21	24
6.	Chhattisgarh	6, 12A, 16, 43, 78, 111, 200, 202, 216, 217 and 221	2184
7.	Delhi	1, 2, 8, 10, and 24	72
8.	Goa	4A, 17, 17A, and 17B	269
9.	Gujarat	6, 8, 8A, 8B, 8C, 8D, 8E, 14, 15, 59, 113, NE-I and 228	3245
10.	Haryana	1, 2, 8, 10, 21A, 22, 64, 65, 71, 71A, 71B, 72, 73, 73A and NE-II	1512
11.	Himachal Pradesh	1A, 20, 20A, 21, 21A, 22, 70, 72, 72B, 73A and 88	1409
12.	Jammu and Kashmir	1A, 1B, 1C and 1D	1245
13.	Jharkhand	2, 6, 23, 31, 32, 33, 75, 78, 80, 98, 99 and 100	1805
14.	Karnataka	4, 4A, 7, 9, 13, 17, 48, 63, 67, 206, 207, 209, 212, 218 and 234	4396
15.	Kerala	17, 47, 47A, 47C, 49, 208, 212, 213, and 220	1457
16.	Madhya Pradesh	3, 7, 12, 12A, 25, 26, 26A, 27, 59, 59A, 69, 75, 76, 78, 86 and 92	4670
17.	Maharashtra	3, 4, 4B, 4C, 6, 7, 8, 9, 13, 16, 17, 50, 69, 204 211 and 222	4176
18.	Manipur	39, 53, 150 and 155	959
19.	Meghalaya	40, 44, 51 and 62	810
20.	Mizoram	44A, 54, 54A, 54B, 150 and 154	927
21.	Nagaland	36, 39, 61, 150 and 155	494
22.	Orissa	5, 5A, 6, 23, 42, 43, 60, 75, 200, 201, 203, 203A, 215, 217 and 224	3704

1	2	3	4
23.	Puducherry	45A and 66	53
24.	Punjab	1, 1A, 10, 15, 20, 21, 22, 64, 70, 71, 72, and 95	1557
25.	Rajasthan	3, 8, 11, 11A, 11B, 11C, 12, 14, 15, 65, 71B, 76, 79, 79A, 89, 90, 112, 113, 114 and 116	5585
26.	Sikkim	31A	62
27.	Tamil Nadu	4, 5, 7, 7A, 45, 45A, 45B, 45C, 46, 47, 47B, 49, 66, 67, 68, 205, 207, 208, 209, 210, 219, 220, 226, 227, 230 and 234	4832
28.	Tripura	44 and 44A	400
29.	Uttarakhand	58, 72, 72A, 72B, 73, 74, 87, 94, 108, 109, 119, 121, 123 and 125	2042
30.	Uttar Pradesh	2, 2A, 3, 7, 11, 12A, 19, 24, 24A, 24B, 25, 25A, 26, 27, 28, 28B, 28C, 29, 56, 56A, 56B, 58, 72A, 73, 74, 75, 76, 86, 87, 91, 91A, 92, 93, 96, 97, 119, 231, 232, 232A, 233, 235 and NE-II	6774
31.	West Bengal	2, 2B, 6, 31, 31A, 31C, 31D, 32, 34, 35, 41, 55, 60, 60A, 80, 81, and 117	2578
32.	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	223	300
		TOTAL:	70548

Statement-III

Updated details of proposals for declaration of new National Highways received from State Governments after 25-2-2004 *(As on* 31-10-2009*)*

Sl. No.	Name of the State	No. of proposals received	Total Length in Kms.
1	2	3	4
1.	Andhra Pradesh	22	6192.35
2.	Assam	01	250
3.	Bihar	01	—
4.	Dadra and Nagar Haveli	02	240
5.	Gujarat	19	3806.00

1	2	3	4
6.	Haryana	04	63.00
7.	Himachal Pradesh	11	1793.50
8.	Jharkhand	02	450.55
9.	Karnataka	28	7020
10.	Kerala	01	164
11.	Madhya Pradesh	02	371.96
12.	Maharashtra	17	6968.870
13.	Meghalaya	02	442
14.	Manipur	01	163
15.	Mizoram	01	179
16.	Nagaland	03	725
17.	Orissa	13	1584.87
18.	Puducherry	05	—
19.	Punjab	03	2480
20.	Rajasthan	25	4673
21.	Sikkim	04	—
22.	Tamil Nadu	07	753.20
23.	Tripura	01	310
24.	Uttar Pradesh	08	1291.065
25.	Uttarakhand	03	773
26.	West Bengal	01	102

High security registration plates

725. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of Government's proposal to introduce high security registration plates for three and four wheeler vehicles to prevent terrorism and extremism apart from reducing incidences of counterfeiting and delays in tracking of stolen vehicles;

(b) whether the Supreme Court has finally extended the date of implementation of the scheme till 31st December, 2009;

(c) whether this scheme mooted way back in 2001 is embroiled in a series of 21 court cases with regard to tendering process; and